

Mission Hills Community Services

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

## PROPOSED RATE INCREASE FOR WATER, SEWER AND STREET SWEEPING SERVICES

A public hearing on proposed water, sewer and street sweeping rate increases will be held by the Board of Directors of the Mission Hills Community Services District ("District") on:

**Date:** November 30, 2011  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Location:** District Offices  
1550 East Burton Mesa Blvd.  
Lompoc, CA 93436

This Notice of Public Hearing provides information regarding a proposed increase in water, sewer and street sweeping rates to the District's water, sewer and street sweeping customers pursuant to the requirements of the California Constitution, Article XIII (commonly referred to as Proposition 218). At the Public Hearing, the District Board of Directors will consider all public comment in support and in opposition of the proposed rate increases and whether or not a majority protest exists pursuant to Proposition 218.

### **Reason for the Proposed Rate Increases:**

The proposed rate increases are necessary for the District to continue to provide safe and reliable water, sewer and street sweeping services to the residents of Mission Hills CSD due to increasing operational, maintenance and capital costs. Several factors have contributed to the increase in costs, including, but not limited to, financing of capital improvements, rehabilitation, replacement and repair of water and sewer infrastructure and facilities, the rising cost of electricity and natural gas needed to operate the facilities, increased costs associated with operation of utility vehicles, ongoing maintenance of infrastructure, increased labor costs, and increased costs associated with meeting more stringent State and Federal regulations.

### **Availability of Rate Study and Additional Information:**

Copies of the Rate Study and additional information on the proposed rate increases is available at the District offices located at 1550 East Burton Mesa Blvd., Lompoc, CA 93436. In addition, customers may contact the District's General Manager at 805-733-4366 x 201 for further information about the proposed rates.

**Proposed Rate Increase Amounts and Basis of Calculation:**

The following charts provide a summary of the proposed rate increases to be considered by the District Board of Directors at the public hearing referenced above.

Meter Size	Current	Proposed
3/4"	\$16.60	\$26.46
1"	\$20.75	\$29.45
1.5"	\$41.50	\$33.44
2"	\$75.52	\$44.41
3"	\$234.48	\$125.20
4"	\$425.38	\$155.12

	Current	Proposed
All Customers	\$1.10	\$1.32

	Current	Proposed
Rate Stabilization	\$4.65	\$0.00

Customer Class	0-10 units		11-20 Units		21-30 Units		30 plus Units	
	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed
Residential	\$0.90	\$1.61	\$1.25	\$2.25	\$1.45	\$2.57	\$1.75	\$3.05
Non- Residential	\$0.90	\$1.27	\$1.25	\$1.78	\$1.45	\$2.03	\$1.75	\$2.41

	Current	Proposed
Sewer Basic	\$0.00	\$6.69

per unit of water based on 3 month average water usage; (Dec thru Feb)		
Customer Class	Current	Proposed
Residential	\$31.50	\$2.99
Non- Residential	\$31.50	\$3.25

**Majority Protest:**

Proposition 218 mandates that customers directly responsible for the payment of the fees subject to the proposed rate changes or the property owner of the service address may submit a written protest against the proposed rates. If written protests are received from a majority of the affected customers or the property owners, the proposed rates will not be imposed.

In order to submit a valid protest, the protest must be in writing and must contain a statement that you protest the increase in rates. The protest must contain the service address and be signed by either the account holder or the property owner of the service address. The written protest must be received by the District Secretary at or before the close of the public hearing.

Written protests may be mailed or personally delivered to the District Secretary at:  
**Mission Hills Community Services District**  
**Attn: District Secretary**  
**1550 East Burton Mesa Blvd.**  
**Lompoc, CA 93436**

Written protests will not be accepted by email or by facsimile. Verbal protests will not be counted in determining the existence of a majority protest. If valid written protests are presented by a majority of owners and/or tenants-customers, then the district will not increase the rates. Only one protest per parcel will be counted in determining whether or not a majority protest exists.